

Hibbard . . . Wizard Of Discs

By Joanne Young

Looking like the Wizard of Oz with red, green and blue flashing lights framing his throne, the Disco King, Jason Hibbard, orchestrated the records and tapes at last Friday's Disco Dance at CHS.

Overhead a mirrored ball revolved, shooting sparkle over the walls, floor and dancers gyrating to the latest disco beat: "Le Freak" by Chic, "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor and "You and I" by Rick Jones.

Hibbard sat behind a table covered with electronic equipment, as the insistent beat was counted down by the teenage dancers: 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 to "Instant Replay."

Jason is an enterprising high school senior who designed and built the two speakers, four light boxes, two strobe lights and two turn tables. He usually chooses 350 singles and 150 albums of music when he emcees the dances.

Friday's disco was hosted by Linda and Bill Cuff and Jane and Chet Ellis, and sponsored by Curt Rever, an amiable ninth grade Social Studies teacher at CHS and mentor to the Unitarian Church Youth Group. This organization meets weekly at the Parish House on the Common and plans monthly teenage activities which involve the town, such as an Easter egg hunt and Christ-

mas caroling. Funds raised by the dance will be used in the Youths' "Getaway Weekend" skiing in New Hampshire. All junior and senior high students are welcome to join. The Youth Group also holds discussions concerning subjects of interest to teens, such as peer pressure, drugs and alcohol. It was started by Rev. Edward Atkinson, minister of the First Parish Church.

Winners of the \$5 prizes for the best disco costumes were Donna Scott, a METCO junior high student, who wore a pink satin body suit; and Brendan St. John, a seventh grader, who was jaunty in a leather cowboy hat and vest.

It was a surreal scene at the



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Disco Dance, a combination of leaping lights and shattering sound. Jason admitted he wore earplugs to tolerate the

intensity of the music, but we toed out into the freezing February night tapping a tune to the beat.

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